

Washington, DC – Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) secured \$20 million in Community Development Block Grants late Thursday night for Midwest Flood Recovery efforts. Braley introduced the amendment as part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill after visiting First District communities devastated by record flooding last weekend.

“The floods last weekend devastated homes and small businesses in Iowa,” Braley said. “I am fully dedicated to helping my constituents rebuild, and am happy to have secured funds that will be critical to the recovery process. Iowans are strong and resilient, and this money will help them achieve a speedy and successful recovery. The CDBG funds I’ve secured are more flexible than other federal funding streams and, hopefully, will provide critical assistance to homeowners and small businesses in the First District.”

Rep. Tom Latham (R-Iowa), chairman of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee, spoke in support of Braley’s amendment during debate on the House floor tonight.

Braley's amendment provides a \$20 million increase in Community Development Block Grant funding to assist communities in the Midwest affected by the flooding. This funding will be offset by decreasing funds for non-personnel expenses within the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For more information about flood recovery in Iowa's First District, visit <http://Braley.house.gov/disasterrelief>